

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 25, beginning at line 8, as follows:

Once the flows have been set up, if there is additional bandwidth which becomes available, then the extra unused bandwidth is allocated according to a pre-determined weighting scheme by the MPS. It should be noted that there exist a number of different ways by which bandwidth can be allocated. Some bandwidth allocation schemes include weighted fair queue, per-flow queue, deficit round robin, etc. A novel weighted fair virtual queuing scheme is described in the co-pending patent application entitled, "A Method And System For Weighted Fair Flow Control In An Asynchronous Metro Packet Transport Ring Network", filed on ???, ~~serial number _____, assigned to the assignee of the present invention,~~ July 6, 2000, Application Serial No. 09/611,180, which is incorporated in its entirety herein.